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TO AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY DAKAR IMMEDIATE

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OUAGA FOR AMB, DCM; DAKAR FOR AMB, DCM, AND PC DIRECTOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, US, UV

SUBJECT: PCD POSITION FOR PC/UPPER VOLTA

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 4092

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS TRANSMITTED ON BEHALF OF PC/
WASHINGTON FOR ACTION ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR DELLENBACK TO
AMBASSADOR GRAHAM. PC/W REQUESTS EMBASSY DAKAR SHOW THIS
MESSAGE TO PCD SCHAFFER.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "CONSIDERATION OF DRABO FOR ACTING PCD
ROLE UNTIL MORE PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IS
BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

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"A. DRABO IS THE SENIOR OFFICER IN PC/UV.

YEARS SERVICE WITH PC/UV-

"C. AS A VOLTAN DRABO WILL HAVE SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO
DEAL WITH ANY PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PC/UV.

"D. RECENT TRIP TO UV BY DIRECTOR DELLENBACK'S SPECIAL

ASSISTANT STAGLIANO BRINGS RECOMMENDATION THAT DRABO
BEST SUITED TO SERVE IN THIS CAPACITY.

"E. PC/W DOES NOT SEE THIS INCIDENT OR ANY OTHER PC
BUSINESS AS BEING ANYTHING BUT FULLY SHARED BY BOTH
FSR AND FSL STAFF.

3. "DELLENBACK UNDERSTANDS AMBASSADOR'S CONCERN AND
RECOGNIZES THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER FACTORS OF WHICH PC/W
IS UNAWARE. WILL RECONSIDER RECOMMENDATION IF YOU STILL
FEEL STRONGLY ON THIS POINT. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. "DELLENBACK ASSURES AMBASSADOR OF PC CONCERN REGARD-
ING MATTER AND HAS ASKED PCD/SENEGAL TO GO TO OUAGA AS
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS TO MEET WITH YOU, PC/UV
STAFF AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS AND TO REPORT
TO HIM ON SITUATION. PCD/SENEGAL JACK SCHAFER IS SUPERB
INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL HANDLE SITUATION MATURELY AND SENSI-
TIVELY. PCD SCHAFER EXPECTED TO ARRIVE OUAGA WEEK OF
DEC 27 AND SPEND TWO TO THREE DAYS. EXACT ETA WILL BE
CABLED TO PC/UV BY PC/S.

5. "BASED ON REPORT TO DELLENBACK FROM PCD SCHAFER
ALONG WITH ANY FURTHER INPUT FROM AMBASSADOR, FURTHER
STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

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6. "DELLENBACK APPRECIATES CONCERN AND INTEREST OF
AMBASSADOR IN THIS MATTER AND AWAITS FURTHER COMMUNICATION
ON THESE AND ANY OTHER POINTS THE AMBASSADOR FEELS ARE
IMPORTANT." END TEXT.

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